

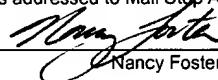
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
H. Michael WENZ)
Application No.: 09/724,755) Group Art Unit: 1637
Filed: November 28, 2000) Examiner: J. FREDMAN
For: METHODS FOR DETECTING) Confirmation No. 8421
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS USING)
COUPLED LIGATION AND)
AMPLIFICATION)

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Sir:

PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action mailed January 31, 2005. A fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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